



NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION  
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 9, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Temperatures during the week were near- to above-average across much of the State, with daytime highs climbing above the century mark in numerous locations. While measurable rainfall was reported at 44 of the 45 weather stations, weekly accumulations were significantly below recent weeks and mostly below average for the monsoon season. Exceptions were Pasamonte at 3.13 inches, Animas at 1.89 inches, and Tatum at 1.76 inches. Recent rainfall in some southwestern portions of the State helped to improved pasture conditions tremendously. Similarly, moisture received in areas of the northeast aided most row crops, but limited late wheat harvest and damaged hay that was cut but not baled or stored. A grasshopper infestation was reported in Colfax County. Pecan nut set was reported as 5 percent heavy, 94 percent moderate, and 1 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 12 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 17 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested .....	95	91	100	99
3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting harvested.....	78	72	92	92
4 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	40	28	62	58
5 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	4	NA	9	12
Chile				
Green harvested .....	11	5	8	13
Corn				
Silking .....	77	57	75	80
Dough.....	20	2	25	18
Harvested for silage.....	1	--	3	2
Cotton				
Squaring .....	95	84	100	92
Setting bolls.....	76	60	64	55
Fall lettuce				
Planted.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Blooming .....	80	63	NA	NA
Pegging .....	31	25	54	59
Sorghum				
Headed .....	16	15	25	22

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.4	6.4	6.3	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	29	37
Short .....	36	35	27	31
Adequate .....	48	49	41	31
Surplus .....	3	3	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	36	NA
Short .....	29	28	28	NA
Adequate .....	61	62	36	NA
Surplus .....	1	1	--	NA

NA – not available  
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor .....	1	--	4	5
Poor.....	5	7	5	10
Fair.....	20	22	34	30
Good .....	45	42	46	49
Excellent .....	29	29	11	6
Chile				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	5	2	NA
Fair.....	28	27	49	NA
Good .....	54	50	44	NA
Excellent .....	18	18	5	NA
Corn				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	--	--	4	5
Fair.....	8	8	25	38
Good .....	54	54	35	36
Excellent .....	38	38	33	20
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	1	1	5	13
Fair.....	36	36	51	35
Good .....	53	53	24	28
Excellent .....	10	10	20	22
Pasture and Range				
Very poor .....	4	4	18	32
Poor.....	6	6	31	27
Fair.....	31	32	34	25
Good .....	47	46	17	14
Excellent .....	12	12	--	2
Peanuts				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	2
Poor.....	--	--	21	12
Fair.....	65	65	68	64
Good .....	29	29	8	21
Excellent .....	6	6	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	38	24
Good .....	77	76	58	57
Excellent .....	10	10	4	18
Sorghum				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	14
Poor.....	--	--	--	17
Fair.....	10	10	30	36
Good .....	87	87	64	31
Excellent .....	3	3	6	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor .....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	11	NA
Fair.....	26	24	44	NA
Good .....	64	64	39	NA
Excellent .....	7	9	4	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor .....	15	15	19	NA
Poor.....	15	15	24	NA
Fair.....	14	14	35	NA
Good .....	52	52	22	NA
Excellent .....	4	4	--	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/New\\_Mexico/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2015/NM\\_Weather\\_08092015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_08092015.pdf)